



2027 and 2028 Men's Lacrosse Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee, Divisions II and III Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee, Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee and Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

All rules changes are effective with the 2027 and 2028 seasons.

Rule	Rule Changes and Rationale
The Ball Rule 1-16	Allowable for the 2027 season, and required by the 2028 season, the standard ball color shall be a fluorescent green or yellow, similar to hex code #ccff00. Ball colors white, yellow, orange, lime green or pink can be used provided both coaches agree. The ball shall have a surface of smooth or slightly textured solid rubber. The ball shall meet the current NOCSAE lacrosse ball standard. For the 2027 season, if the home team chooses to use the fluorescent yellow/green ball, that ball shall be used. The game ball color shall be stated in the game contract, but if not, the visiting team must be given at least one week's notice. Rationale: The fluorescent ball color provides increased visibility for student-athletes, officials, spectators and television audiences.
Overtime Play Rule 4-31	Change overtime play to proceed for 15-minute periods or until a goal is scored. Timeout and challenge rules remain unchanged. Rationale: Creates a more fluid continuation of regulation.
Video Review	A coach's challenge may be requested to initiate a review of a goal that could be potentially negated by the following: • Offsides; • Too many players on the field; • Player in possession of the ball stepped on a boundary line (defined as the lines that completely surround the field, the midline and the restraining lines) The challenge may only be requested if the goal was scored within 15 seconds of when the violation occurred and no whistle has sounded between the potential violations listed above and the goal. In the event that the clock is not burned into the video feed, officials may use a stopwatch while reviewing the play at actual speed to determine the 15-second count.

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	Rationale: Provides the opportunity to correct what unfairly led to a goal. Defines a time period that enables the defense to adjust.
Video Review	Officials may initiate video review of potential contact to the head/neck without having originally made a call. Rationale: Player safety.
Video Review	On a play where officials have originally made a call for contact to the head/neck, they may rescind the penalty if video review confirms there was no illegal contact. Rationale: Fairness.